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January 24, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP (CI)

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Group (CI)  
2 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 1963

PRESENT: Mr. Johnson, The Attorney General, Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. Bell,  
General Taylor, Mr. McCone, Mr. Forrestal, Mr. Wilson vice  
Mr. Murrow

Mr. Bundy and Mr. Dungan were present for Item 1.

Mr. Koren was present for Items 2, 3, and 4.

1. Role of the Special Group (CI)

The Chairman's memorandum of January 22 was noted, and the members discussed at length various concepts for the future role of the Special Group (CI), with emphasis on whether or not the responsibilities of the Group should be broadened, and the organization modified. The discussion terminated with the understanding that the Attorney General will prepare a draft directive, for circulation to the members.

2. Revised Internal Security Plan for Thailand

Mr. Koren discussed with the members the revised Internal Security Plan for Thailand. It was agreed that the minutes should show that the plan was discussed and noted. The major part of the discussion related to whether or not the current balance between military and socio/economic programs is the best under present circumstances. Mr. Johnson will discuss this further within his department, with the option of again bringing the subject to the attention of the Group.

3. Mobile Development Units

The Chairman noted that he had circulated Ambassador Young's telegrams on Mobile Development Units for the information of the members. It was agreed that it seems to be a promising program. The members expressed satisfaction when informed that Ambassador Young was able to arrange for delivery of the desired tractors without resort to air-lifting them from the United States.

4. Thai Community Development and Village Health Program

The Department of State's memorandum was noted, with the understanding that the number of U.S. advisors are adequate for the task. The Attorney General observed that a potential problem exists inasmuch

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as the Thai Government will not permit labor organizations to operate. The Chairman observed that this is a continuing problem, and that the Embassy has long been attempting to persuade the Thai Government that it would be desirable to gradually permit the formulation of labor organizations. Mr. Koren will verify that the Embassy is pursuing this subject.

5. Nuttle's Proposal for Three-Man Teams to Work with Ethnic Groups

The members agreed that the proposal should be referred to Ambassador Nolting for his review and recommendations.

Miscellaneous

A. Mr. Forrestal commented that the next two or three weeks in Indonesia will be critical concerning the direction Sukarno may turn. Sukarno is under considerable pressure to include members of the Communist Party within his Government; at the same time the economic situation is particularly bad. Mr. Forrestal observed, however, that the Ambassador believes Sukarno will not place Communists in any important ministerial positions, although he may be obliged to name one or two to minor cabinet posts. The Ambassador was described as optimistic about the possibility of Sukarno accepting the necessity for economic reforms.

B. General Taylor commented on a Latin American troop information film that has recently been produced by the U.S. Army. It has been included on the agenda for the next meeting. The JCS memorandum on the Caribbean schools was noted.

Thomas W. Davis, Jr. ✓  
Executive Secretary

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